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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING IMPURITIES IN CELLULOSE FIBERS FOR  
MANUFACTURE OF FIBER REINFORCED CEMENT COMPOSITE MATERIALS**

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- (X) Specification in 28 pages.
- (X) 3 sheets of drawings.
- (X) ✓ Recordation form cover sheet with 2-page assignment.
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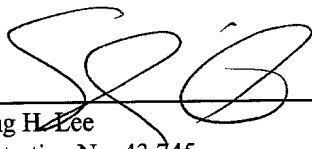
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